Tentative Proposed Standards for Marketing Foods to Children, 2-17 years of age

Interagency Working Group FTC, CNPP, CDC, FDA

Resources

- Representatives from CDC, FDA, USDA, and FTC
- Current regulations for health claims and nutrient content claims (21CFR Part 101 Food Labeling)
- The 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Relevant reports from the National Academies of Science-Institute of Medicine (e.g. *Dietary* Reference Intakes, Nutrition Standards for Foods in Schools)

Tentative Proposed Standards: Standard I

Standard I:

Foods Exempt from Standards II and III

The following foods are part of a healthful diet and may be marketed to children without meeting Standards II and III.

100% fruit and fruit juices in all forms
100% vegetables and vegetable juices in all
forms; must not exceed 140 mg of sodium per
RACC*

100% non-fat and low-fat milk and yogurt 100% whole grains

100% water

Note: 100% is defined as no added nutritive or non-nutritive sweeteners and no other functional ingredients added to the product, except flavoring for water, milk, and yogurt

Tentative Proposed Standards: Standard II

Standard II: Meaningful Contribution to a Healthful Diet

Foods marketed to children must provide a meaningful contribution to a healthful diet.

Option A:

Food must contain at least 50% by weight of one or more of the following: fruit; vegetable; whole grain; fat-free or low-fat milk or yogurt; fish; extra lean meat or poultry; eggs; nuts and seeds; or beans

Option B:

Food must contain one or more of the following per RACC:

- 0.5 cups fruit or fruit juice
- 0.6 cups vegetables or vegetable juice
- 0.75 oz. equivalent of 100% whole grain
- 0.75 cups milk or yogurt; 1 oz. natural cheese; 1.5 oz. processed cheese
- 1.4 oz. meat equivalent of fish or extra lean meat or poultry
- 0.3 cups cooked dry beans
- 0.7 oz. nuts or seeds
- 1 egg or egg equivalent

Tentative Proposed Standards: Standard III

Standard III:

Nutrients to Limit

Foods marketed to children must not contain more than the following amounts of saturated fat, trans fat, sugar, and sodium.

Saturated Fat:

1 g or less per RACC* and not more than 15% of calories;

Trans Fat:

0 g per RACC* (<0.5 g)

Sugar:

No more than 13 g of added sugars per RACC*

Sodium:

No more than 200 mg per portion§

^{*}For foods with a small RACC (30 g or less or 2 tablespoons or less), the criteria refer to the amount per 50 g of food.

[§]This level is interim and over time should be reduced to 140 mg per RACC.

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Standard I: Foods Exempt from Standards II and III Standard II: Meaningful Contribution to a Healthful Diet,

and

Standard III: Nutrients to Limit